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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE

The State of Idaho, for the Idaho Transportation Department requests bids from qualified vendors to supply snow and ice chemical products as per the specifications contained herein. Bidders shall follow the attached Pacific Northwest Snowfighter's specification requirements for bidding with the exception that the Corrosion Inhibited products shall have a Corrosion Effectiveness Rating of 25% or less. This bid shall be based off products that are on the Qualified Products List of the Pacific Northwest Snowfighter's at the date and time of this bid opening.

1.2 PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Bids are request for the following Categories:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION</u>
1	CORROSION INHIBITED LIQUID MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE
2	CORROSION INHIBITED LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE
8A-B	NON-CORROSION INHIBITED SODIUM CHLORIDE, BRINING SALT, WITH MOISTURE CONTENT NOT TO EXCEED 0.5%
8A-R	NON-CORROSION INHIBITED SODIUM CHLORIDE, ROAD SALT, WITH MOISTURE CONTENT NOT TO EXCEED 0.5%
8B	NON-CORROSION INHIBITED SODIUM CHLORIDE WITH MOISTURE CONTENT NOT TO EXCEED 5.0%

1.3 CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Fuel: Contract price adjustments for fluctuations in fuel prices will be based on monthly changes in fuel prices over the OPIS base rate calculated at bid closing. No fuel surcharge will be allowed for monthly changes, plus or minus, ten percent (10%). The following formula will be used:

$$((\text{Current Index Price} - \text{Base Price}) \times \text{Miles to Delivery Location}) \div \text{MPG} = \text{Fuel Surcharge}$$

On the bid schedule, bidders must provide round trip miles to each delivery location and the round trip miles per gallon (MPG) for the delivery vehicle. Round trip MPG must take into account MPG for a loaded and unloaded vehicle.

The fuel surcharge will be calculated in the month delivery is made.

Rail: Contract price adjustments for fluctuations in rail rates will be based on actual changes in rail rates calculated in the month delivery is made.

Product: The contractor may request an adjustment at annual intervals from the date of the contract. The percentage increase is not to exceed the latest annual increase in the consumer Price Index, Table 1, (CPU-U) Commodity and Service Group, Commodities less food and beverages. Such adjustment may be allowed only after:

- a) The vendor has submitted a written request to the Division of Purchasing, at least 30 calendar days Prior to the proposed implementation date and provided detailed justification for such an adjustment is given, and
- b) The Division of Purchasing has given written approval of the requested adjustment effective on the next annual adjustment date.

1.4 PUBLIC AGENCY CLAUSE

Contract prices shall be extended to other "Public Agencies" as defined in Section #67-2327 of the Idaho Code, which reads: "Public Agency" means and city or political subdivision of this state, including, but not limited to, counties; school districts; highway districts; port authorities; instrumentalities of counties; cities or any political subdivision created under the laws of the State of Idaho. It will be the responsibility of the Public Agency to independently contract with the vendor and/or comply with any other applicable provisions of Idaho Code governing public contracts.

Question: Will you honor this Public Agency clause? Yes ___ No ___.

1.5 BID SUBMISSION

All bids shall be delivered by the time and date of the bid opening. Late bids will be rejected.

1.6 CONTRACT AWARD

The contract will be awarded for the lowest "Final Best Buy Factor" for each category and each District. See Section 3.0. One contract per district per category will be awarded.

1.7 CONTRACT TERM

The contract will be for a two (2) year period. This contract may be renewed with two (2) additional one (1) year periods, if mutually agreed upon by both parties.

1.8 STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The State's Conditions & Instructions to Vendors are hereby incorporated by reference into this solicitation as if set forth herein in their entirety, and are located on the Internet at <http://www.adm.idaho.gov/purchasing>. The Conditions & Instructions to Vendors shall apply to this solicitation and the State of Idaho Standard Contract Terms & Conditions shall apply to any contract

resulting from this solicitation. Failure by any submitting vendor to obtain a copy of such shall in no way constitute or be deemed a waiver by the State of either document, or any part of them. No liability will be assumed by the Division of Purchasing for a submitting vendor's failure to consider the Terms & Conditions in its response to the solicitation.

1.9 CORRESPONDENCE AND ADDENDA

All correspondence will be in writing. In the event that it becomes necessary to revise any part of this ITB, addenda will be posted at www.sicomm.net. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to monitor www.sicomm.net for any updates or amendments. Any oral interpretations or clarifications of this ITB shall not be relied upon. All changes to this ITB must be in writing and posted at www.sicomm.net to be valid. Answers to Vendor Questions will be posted at www.sicomm.net

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST SNOWFIGHTERS SNOW AND ICE CONTROL
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS SPECIFICATIONS AND TEST PROTOCOLS
FOR THE PNS ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON,
COLORADO AND WASHINGTON

1.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

To bid a product, that product shall be on the most current Qualified Products List (QPL), or the product is currently being evaluated for qualification as part of this bid process if the offer to submit samples is made by the agency. To submit a product for the qualification process, contact any of the PNS members for information. In the case of a request for bid, please contact the agency requesting the bid for information on how to become a qualified bidder.

The PNS Association of British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington have developed the Qualified Products List. The list is composed of products that have been tested and found to be in conformance with these specifications. Any material changes to a product that is listed on the QPL either by the manufacturer or the bidder, which in any way makes the product different from the original qualified material, shall be grounds for disqualifying the product from the list. The new product will have to be re-qualified before it will be allowed to be placed back on the QPL.

The bidder of any product that is delivered and/or applied, which is found to be contaminated and is cause for environmental concerns, shall be responsible for all clean up expenses. This includes but is not limited to clean up measures as needed for the following: storage facility, yard, equipment, and roadside.

The bidder shall be liable, as determined by the purchaser for causing any unanticipated extraordinary damages to equipment used in the storage or distribution of the chemical products.

The PNS has the right to qualify or disqualify, accept or reject products based on the materials used to produce the product. The products will be assessed for the potential of causing a decrease in the public safety. The right to qualify or disqualify, accept or reject a product based on manufactured composition rest solely with the PNS. The PNS assessment shall be final and in the best interest of the PNS.

Each bidder submitting a sample will be notified whether the sample passes or fails to meet the specifications. Copies of the complete lab reports will be available upon request.

All submitted products shall be tested to the specified limits contained within these specifications and as per the products' specific category classifications. A product that passes the required specification testing limits and has passed the PNS review shall be placed onto the PNS Qualified Products List. A product that fails to meet the standard limits as specified will not be placed onto the Qualified Products List and the bid will be disqualified.

- A. A submitted product that contains any constituent in excess of the following established total concentration limits as tested in accordance with the listed test methodology from Section VI shall be not be acceptable. Results are stated as parts per million (ppm).

Arsenic	5.0 ppm
Barium	100.0 ppm
Cadmium	0.20 ppm
Chromium	1.0 ppm
Copper	1.0 ppm
Lead	1.0 ppm
Mercury	0.05 ppm
Selenium	5.0 ppm
Zinc	10.00 ppm
Phosphorus	2500. ppm
Cyanide	0.20 ppm

Note: Liquid products shall be tested as received. Solid Salts are to be diluted to a 25% (W/V) concentration and then tested as if the material was a liquid sample. Report only the values determined from the 25% solution for all of the parameters as compared to the specification limits. Do not back calculate the concentration of the parameters to the dry weight of the material.

- B. No bid will be accepted on any corrosion inhibited product that has not successfully completed the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Standard TM0169-95, as modified by the PNS, and found to have a Corrosion Value of at least 75% less than that of Sodium Chloride (salt).
- C. The manufacturer shall also supply the following analyses for information purposes for liquid products or solid products that will be converted into a liquid product for application purposes. Testing of the following parameters will be done by the listed testing methodology from Section VI.

Ammonia - Nitrogen
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
Nitrate and Nitrite - Nitrogen
Biological Oxygen Demand
Chemical Oxygen Demand
Frictional Analysis
Toxicity Testing
 Rainbow Trout or Fathead Minnow Toxicity Test
 Ceriodaphnia Dubia Reproductive and Survival Bioassay
 Senastrum Capricornutum Algal Growth

2.2 SAMPLE SUBMITTALS

- A. If a product that is currently listed on the Qualified Products List is to be bid no sample submission or information packet is required. If a new product is being submitted for evaluation during a bidding opportunity the bid shall be accompanied by **two** one gallon (4 liter) containers of the product along with the chemical, biological, and physical analyses of the product by a qualified laboratory. See "Product Sample Checklist" for complete instructions "as to how to provide required samples and information. All samples must be marked with an easily distinguishable name and the associated paper work must be clearly marked as such so that the samples and the submitted product information can be easily identified and matched up. **Failure to supply the required samples and product information will be cause for disqualification.** These samples will be used to establish a database for future fingerprinting of all approved products when delivered to any of the PNS locations and for future bid comparisons. Any products purchased in the future will be expected to meet specifications as established in the bid process. All test data that is submitted with each product sample is subject to verification by one or more of the PNS laboratories. Results of the testing from the PNS's laboratories shall be verifiable and final. Information and laboratory results shall be submitted according to the general and specific product specification contained within this document. The following results and information are mandatory at the time of submission and shall be verified from the Product Sample Check List.
1. Corrosion test data obtained according to NACE Standard TM0169-95 as modified by PNS.
 2. pH (liquid products only) - The pH of submitted liquid chemical products shall be within the specified limits as designated in the appropriate categories. The pH of liquid chemical products that contains organic matter as one of its constituents may be waived by the PNS for each of the liquid categories that require adherence to a specified pH range. The right to waive the pH will be at the discretion of the PNS. The PNS decision to waive the pH requirement shall be in the best interest of the PNS and shall be final.

NOTE: Recent testing has concluded that brines inhibited with organic matter exhibit lower pH values than do brines with non-organic matter inhibitors. Organic matter, such as peat, routinely exhibits low pH values because they generate weak organic acids. These weak organic acids are prevalent in the ecology system and are necessary to maintain a healthy environment. Our main concern, in addressing pH, was to limit the amount of excess inorganic acidity or alkalinity that brine could carry. Corrosion testing has shown that these weak organic acids do not have a detrimental effect but seem to enhance the corrosion inhibiting power of the products. Due to this, the pH parameter on brines that contain organic matter may be waived by the PNS. The organic matter information shall be included in the Product Information section of the Bid Schedule and bidder may apply for the pH waiver. The bidder must also provide

information as to what the organic material is, and the minimum concentration of the organic matter that will be in their product. There are several testing procedures that can be used to identify organic matter and verify bidder information. The PNS reserves the right to use any and all tests necessary to verify bidder data.

3. Analytical results of all constituents for which limits have been set by the General Specifications in Section I, Part A. **The analytical results shall reflect testing to the specified limit or below. For example the specified limit for Cadmium is 0.20 ppm, therefore the supplied analytical results need to reflect testing to that limit or below. A submitted value of less than 1.00 ppm is not acceptable.**
 4. All biological, chemical, toxicology and friction test results as listed in Section I Part C. Friction testing shall be conducted on all liquid samples and may be required on solid products per the discretion of the PNS.
 5. Specific gravity chart (liquid products only) with correlating weight percentage and freeze point information presented in 1% increments beginning with a five percent solution. The chart must contain information up to, including, and exceeding, *by 5% (or the solubility limits of your product)* the concentration being submitted for evaluations.
 6. Detailed information on the corrosion inhibitor, the minimum concentration of the corrosion inhibitor contained in the product, complete and precise laboratory procedures for verifying inhibitor concentrations **SHALL** be included with the bid document. Failure to provide sufficient detail to address all specification requirements may result in bid disqualification. **Proprietary information must be included and will be held confidential by the PNS. Mark and submit in a separate sealed envelope all the proprietary information to maintain confidentiality.**
- B. Bids shall be accompanied with the most recent detailed product specification sheet and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) including the MSDS of the inhibitor. **All documents must be clearly legible.**
- C. Most chemical products after successfully completing the PNS's initial screening process and corrosion tests may then be required to successfully complete field application/effectiveness tests. The decision as to whether or not to require a supplier to furnish an ample supply of their product (at no charge including shipping) for field-testing lies solely with the PNS. If the product requested for field-testing is not furnished, or if an inadequate amount is supplied, or if product performance is not satisfactory, the product will not be placed on the approved product list.

Field application/effectiveness testing of some products may be waived based on the chemical constituents of the product. The PNS has laboratory and field-tested many variations of these products. The results of the field tests should be predictable based on

the percentage of the active chemical constituent. The option to waive field application/effectiveness tests lies solely with the PNS.

2.3 ORDERS, DELIVERIES, AND INVOICING OF PRODUCTS

- A. All orders will be placed by fax. The official order date shall be the date of the fax transmittal if received by the bidder before 2:00 p.m. (all order times reflect bidders' time) and the next day if received by the bidder after 2:00 p.m. The bidder shall fax back to the purchaser a confirmation of receipt and an estimate of the order shipment date within 2 business hours.
- B. Deliveries shall be made during normal working hours (Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for all time zones), unless otherwise requested or agreed to by purchaser. Any deliveries made without proper advance notification or outside of the established delivery times, unless otherwise authorized in advance and in writing will be assessed an initial price adjustment of 25% of the purchase price of the product.

NOTE: Other charges (i.e. sales tax) if applicable will be adjusted to reflect the new purchase price when a price adjustment is taken as a reduction of purchase price.

- C. Delivery shall be made on or within two (2) calendar days or less on all orders received by the Bidder during the months of October to April and 15 calendar days or less on orders placed during other months. In the event the bidder fails to deliver within the required number of calendar days, a 5% price adjustment per day will be assessed for each day of delay, starting on day 3 or 16, and continuing until delivery is made. The late delivery fee assessment will be deducted from the payment of the invoice for the specific load of product not delivered according to the terms of this agreement. Consistently late deliveries may result in contract termination.
- D. During the months of October to April, when orders larger than 50 tons (2 loads) per location are placed, 50 tons of that order must be delivered within the 2 day time period or price adjustments will apply. If the bidder can not deliver the entire order at once, the balance must be delivered on daily deliveries beginning immediately after the first delivery until the order is fulfilled, or as agreed to by the purchaser.
- E. Any assessments or deductions charged for improper notification and/or delivery will be accompanied with verification of order, delivery date, and order time.
- F. Price adjustments assessed for late deliveries caused by what the bidder feels are "reasonable or uncontrollable circumstances" shall within seven (7) calendar days be addressed with the respective agency representative. The decision of the agency representative to accept or to deny the claim will be final and in the best interest of the Agency.

- G. Bidder will be responsible for all necessary equipment to transfer liquid chemical products to purchasers' storage tanks. Purchaser's storage tanks will be fitted with a three-inch male pipe fitting to allow for unloading of product.
- H. Each shipment shall be accompanied by a current and clearly legible MSDS.
- I. An anti-foaming agent will be available from the Bidder for use as needed, at no additional charge to the Purchaser, to control foaming during loading, unloading, and agitation of liquid chemical products.
- J. The bill of lading for each shipment must contain the following information.
1. Name of product.
 2. Supplier and manufacturer of product.
 3. Delivery Destination.
 4. Total number of units being delivered.
 5. Total weight of delivery using a certified scale ticket or certified flow meter. As an option on liquid deliveries only, the bidder can use a legibly printed certified ticket from a flow meter that has been tested and certified by an approved PNS member's agency of Weight and Measures. The certification of the meter shall not be older than one year. Any PNS member can request that the meter be retested and certified again during the delivery year if the data from the meter is in question. This retesting and certification shall be done at no extra charge to the PNS member. Reciprocity among the PNS members for meter calibration may be employed. **The bidder shall provide a copy of the certification and product information about the flow meter at the time of bid.** The PNS member may at any time choose to spot check a delivery of liquid product by having the load weighed on certified scales before and after delivery to insure the accuracy of the flow meter. No additional cost will be charged to the PNS member for spot-checking deliveries of liquid products.
 6. Lot Number for the product being delivered. The Lot Number is a specific number assigned to that particular product as delivered. This number must be denoted as the "**LOT NUMBER**" on the bill of lading and shall be clearly legible. The lot number must enable purchaser to track a delivered product back to its manufacture point, date of manufacture and specific batch. **Failure to have a defined LOT NUMBER that appears on the Bill of Lading is grounds for rejection of the load.**
 7. Transport information--Name of transporting company, tank, trailer or rail car number, point and date of origin.

8. For liquid products include the Bidder Quoted Concentration and Specific Gravity.
- K. The Agency will not process invoices for payment until the bidder has met all requirements under this section. The invoice shall include the following:
1. A copy of the original bill of lading.
 2. Contract unit of measure.
 3. Total number of units delivered.
 4. Contract unit price for product delivered.
 5. Total price for units delivered.

2.4 FIELD INSPECTION, UNLOADING, SAMPLING AND TESTING

All material is subject to field inspection, sampling, and testing on an as delivered base. Sampling and field-testing is the prerogative of the Purchaser. The bidder shall not off load any material without affording the Purchaser an opportunity to conduct the field inspection, sampling or the testing. Off loading of material without affording the Purchaser an opportunity to conduct said work shall deem the delivered material non compliant and is subject to total rejection. The bidder shall only off load material without field inspection, testing and sampling by the Purchaser when the agency representative grants prior written approval.

A. FIELD INSPECTION

BEFORE ALLOWING ANY PRODUCT TO BE UNLOADED AGENCY PERSONNEL WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

1. Document and maintain records on all deliveries, including those that are rejected.
2. Check to assure that the product is being delivered according to the terms of the contract. This may include but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Date of the order.
 - b. Date and time of delivery.
 - c. Verification of advance delivery notification.
 - d. Delivered within allowable times.
 - e. Name of Delivery Company and license plate numbers.
 - f. Is any price adjustment assessments required?
 - g. Is the product being delivered what you ordered?
 - h. Document all procedures prior to unloading of product.
 - i. Verify that all papers required of a delivery are present, complete, and legible.
 1. Accurate, complete, and legible bill of lading and/or invoice.
 2. Legible and current MSDS sheet.
 3. Certified weight slip.
3. Verify separation or non-separation of product.

4. Visually inspect the load to determine if there are any obvious reasons why the load should be rejected.
5. No precipitate or flocculation in liquid products shall be allowed in excess of the specification limits. Material portraying these or other uncharacteristic traits when delivered may be immediately rejected at the option of the agency or their representative at the delivery location.
6. Any problems must be noted at the point of delivery by agency personnel, documented, and relayed to their agency representative for action.

B. UNLOADING

1. Provided that all the required information is in place and the material appears to be the correct material as ordered, document the amount of product currently in storage prior to unloading and begin the unloading process.
2. The delivery truck shall unload solid materials in a windrow.
3. For liquid products, visually inspect the discharge valve prior to unloading for the presence of any foreign material.
4. Visually inspect the delivered product again while unloading. If problems are noted that are a cause for rejection of the load, immediately halt the unloading process. Take photos if applicable and record any pertinent information. Conduct the following procedures if the material is to be rejected.
 - a. If material fails the field inspection or testing, reload the product and reject the load.
 - b. If reloading can't be done, (mixed with previous material) note the amount of product (liquid only) pumped into the tank and total product now present in the tank.
 - c. Circulate the tank and then pull two one-gallon (4 Liter) samples of the contaminated chemical material now in the tank
 - d. Check and record the specific gravity of the samples.
 - e. Take appropriate action as needed to assure the integrity of product on hand if possible. Will all products on hand have to be removed?
 - f. Send samples directly to the Agency's designated testing laboratory.
 - g. Immediately advise the Agency's Representative of any ordering, delivery, storage, or product quality issues.

C. SAMPLING AND TESTING

One sample, of the liquid or dry product being delivered, may be taken from the delivered shipment for laboratory testing after the shipment has passed the initial inspection and is

approved for unloading. This sample will be used for testing and/or fingerprinting at the agency's expense to insure product quality. Clearly, label samples for identification. Send the sample directly to the appropriate agency testing laboratory. Be sure the Transmittal form is placed in the box and contains at least the following information; Manufacture or bidders name, name of product, lot number of product, shipping date, date received, name of delivery point, quantity of material delivered, and name and phone number of person who received the load and took the samples. Test results from the appropriate Laboratory will be final and in the best interest of the Purchaser.

1. If the load is liquid, a one-gallon sample will be taken from the transfer hose in three equal parts. Each part will be compositely mixed together with the other parts to make up the one-gallon sample that will be submitted to the laboratory for testing. The samples will be collected during unloading as the first third, the second third and the last third of the product that is being delivered. If the trailer or pup has compartments the three equal samples shall be taken from only one of the compartments to complete the sample. Check and record the specific gravity of the samples.
2. If the load is solid, the delivery truck shall unload the solid material in a windrow. Samples of the windrow materials should be obtained from the complete cross section of the windrow. Portions of the sample shall be taken from the top, center, and bottom in proportion to the cross section area at that point and well within the stack each time. It is best practice to cut completely through the stack if practical. Fine material sifts to the bottom. Care should be taken to obtain a complete and representative sample. The sample shall be placed into a wide mouth 1-gallon container with a screw top lid as soon as the sample has been taken to avoid exposing the sample unduly to atmospheric moisture.
3. Samples sent to the Laboratory will be tested for conformance to specification during the year. Each type of product may be tested for those parameters listed in the General Specifications and in the appropriate Category requirements.

2.5 CHEMICAL PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Chemical Product Category 1: Corrosion Inhibited Liquid Magnesium Chloride Specifications

In addition to the General Specifications the following requirements shall also apply:

1. Product must contain no less than 25% magnesium chloride.

Test Method: Number 1

2. Weight per gallon will be established according to the specific gravity and percentage of magnesium chloride contained in the product bid as indicated by the bidder.

Test Method: Number 2

3. Product will contain the corrosion control inhibitor in quantities not less than those indicated by the bidder. The finished deicing product, including corrosion inhibitors, must be completely accomplished at the original manufacturing plant location. Post adding of corrosion inhibitors or any other ingredients and splash mixing is unacceptable after the product has left the original manufacturing plant.

Test Method: Number 3

4. The pH must be 6.0 - 9.0

Test Method: Number 4

5. This chemical product shall not contain greater than 1.0% (V/V) Total Settleable Solids and shall have Ninety-nine percent (99.0%) of the Solids Passing through a Number 10 sieve after being stored at -17.8°C +/- 1°C (0°F +/- 2°F) for 168 hours (Seven days).

Test Method: Number 6

Chemical Product Category 2: Corrosion Inhibited Liquid Calcium Chloride Specifications

In addition to the General Specifications the following requirements shall also apply:

1. Product must contain no less than 25% calcium chloride.

Test Method: Number 1

2. Weight per gallon will be established according to the specific gravity and percentage of calcium chloride contained in the product bid as indicated by the bidder.

Test Method: Number 2

3. Product will contain corrosion control inhibitor in quantities not less than those indicated by the bidder. The finished deicing product, including corrosion inhibitors, must be completely accomplished at the original manufacturing plant location. Post adding of corrosion inhibitors or any other ingredients and splash mixing is unacceptable after the product has left the original manufacturing plant.

Test Method: Number 3

4. The pH must be 6.0 - 10.0

Test Method: Number 4

5. This chemical product shall not contain greater than 1.0% (V/V) Total Settleable Solids and shall have ninety nine percent (99.0%) of the Solids Passing through a Number 10 sieve after being stored at -29°C +/- 1°C (-20°F +/- 2°F) for 168 hours (Seven days).

Test Method: Number 6

Chemical Product Category 8: Non Corrosion Inhibited Solid Sodium Chloride Specifications

CATEGORIES 8A, 8B, and 8C

The Categories shall be defined as follows:

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Category 8A | Dry Salt, Standard Gradation |
| A. Category 8A-B | Brining Salt |
| B. Category 8A-R | Road Salt |
| 2. Category 8B | Wet Salt, Standard Gradation |
| 3. Category 8C | Dry Salt, Fine Gradation |
| A. Category 8C-B | Brining Salt |
| B. Category 8C-R | Road Salt |

In addition to the General Specifications, the following requirements shall apply.

1. Moisture Content – Test Method No. 12
Category 8A – 0.5% Maximum
Category 8B – 5.0% Maximum
Category 8C – 0.5% Maximum
2. Insoluble Material- Test Method No. 22
Category 8A-B – 1.0% Maximum
Category 8C-B – 1.0% Maximum

3. Gradation – Test Method No. 13

Type 1, Grade 2, with the following Gradation for each Sodium Chloride Category.

Category 8A and 8B		Category 8C	
Sieve Size	Wt. % Passing	Sieve Size	Wt. % Passing
¾ “	100	#4	100
#4	20 -100	#100	0 – 3
#8	10 – 60		
#30	0 - 15		

4. Anti-Caking agent will be included to insure that the material remains free from hard caking and suitable for its intended purpose.

Test Method: Number 14

NOTE: Salt for highway use is usually treated with either Ferric Ferrocyanide, also known as Prussian Blue, or Sodium Ferrocyanide, also known as Yellow Prussiate of Soda (YPS), to prevent the salt from caking. The amount of Prussian Blue added is 70 to 165 parts per million (PPM), equivalent to 0.33 to 1.14 pounds per ton of salt. YPS is added in the amount of 50 to 250 PPM, equivalent to 0.1 to 0.5 pounds per ton of salt. YPS is also used as an anti-caking agent in table salt, and has approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Based on exhaustive testing no evidence of toxicity was demonstrated. If used, the presence of these products will not be assessed towards the total cyanide concentration when testing this product. However, the total cyanide concentration of the original material must meet specifications. Information may be obtained from the Salt Institutes Highway Digest Publication.

Bidder may bid this product with or without the anti-caking agent. Bidders must note on the Sample Checklist if the sample does contain anti-caking agent or not. If the Bidder chooses not to add the anti-caking agent it does not prevent the bidder from assuring that the delivered product is in a free-flowing state.

5. Material must be clean and free from extraneous matter. The material must be homogenous or manufactured in such a manner to assure that the corrosion inhibitor, anti-caking agent and the chemical product does not segregate.

Test Method: Number 14

6. Pay Weight Schedule for Excessive Moisture

Category 8A and 8C

The salt shall be dried to a maximum moisture content of 0.5 % (percent by weight). Water in excess of 0.5% of dry salt weight will not be paid for. The amount of salt to be paid for, when moisture exceeds 0.5% shall be computed as follows:

Pay Weight = (100.5 x Wet Wt. of Salt) divided by (100 + Percent of Moisture)

Category 8B

The salt shall be dried to a maximum moisture content of 5.0 % (percent by weight). Water in excess of 5.0% of dry salt weight will not be paid for. The amount of salt to be paid for, when moisture exceeds 5.0% shall be computed as follows:

Pay Weight = (105.0 x Wet Wt. of Salt) divided by (100 + Percent of Moisture)

2.6 TEST METHODS

1. Percent Concentration of Active Ingredient in The Liquid

Test Method: Atomic Absorption or Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrophotometry as described in “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF is acceptable. Test Method “A” in Appendix “A” is used to determine percent concentration of Calcium Chloride or Magnesium Chloride by Atomic Absorption. The operator should be aware that the high solids content of the samples can present special considerations when conducting the analysis.

2. Weight Per Gallon

Test Method: Specific Gravity by ASTM D 1429 Test Method A - Pycnometer at 20° C +/- 1° C.

3. Corrosion Control Inhibitor Presence and Concentration

Test Method: The Materials Laboratory may use the test procedures provided by the bidder or manufacture for testing quantitative concentrations of additives. These same tests can then be used to verify that materials being delivered are the same as those previously tested and approved in the bid process.

4. pH

Test Method: ASTM D 1293 except a dilution shall be made of 1 part chemical product to 4 parts distilled water before attempting a reading.

5. Corrosion Rate

Test Method: NACE Standard TM0169-95 (1995 Revision) as modified by PNS. This procedure is listed as Test Method “B” in Appendix A.

6. Percent Total Settleable Solids and Percent Solids Passing a 10 Sieve

Test Method: This procedure is listed as Test Method “C” in Appendix A.

7. Total Phosphorus

Test Method: Total Phosphorous as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

8. Total Cyanide

Test Method: Total Cyanide as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

9. Total Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Selenium and Zinc.

Test Method: Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry or Plasma Emission Spectroscopy as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

10. Total Mercury

Test Method: Cold Vapor Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

11. Milliequivalents OR “meq”

Test Method: This is a measure of the amount of unreacted base in the product. “meq” means milliequivalents or the milligrams of acetic acid to neutralize 1 gram of unreacted base.

Method for measuring unreacted base is a standard acid/base titration procedure. A fixed volume of acid (30 ml of 0.1 N HCl) is added to 1 gram sample of CMA. The excess acid is titrated with a standard base (0.1 N NaOH) to phenolphthalein endpoint, pH of 8.6.

12. Moisture Content Of Solid Chemical Products.

Test Method: According to ASTM E 534

13. Gradation

Test Method: Gradation shall be ran according to ASTM D 632. The sample size shall be a minimum of 300 grams and be hand shaken through each sieve until the sample has been adequately processed. Caution: Care should be used when running the gradation

test, as the salt is very soft and can be resized by over shaking. Salts that contain sticky organic matter inhibitors may require additional attention with a rubber policeman to insure that the sample passes the screens correctly as the sticky inhibitors will tend to clump up smaller particles of salt and prohibit them from being analyzed correctly.

14. Visual Inspection and Field Observations.

Test Method: Visual inspection and field observations to assure that the material remains clean and free of extraneous matter, free from hard caking, does not segregate, and remains suitable for the intended purpose and as otherwise outlined in Section IV.

NOTE: Purchaser may use any laboratory test method necessary to verify conclusions from visual inspections.

15. Toxicity Test

Test Method: According to “Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluent and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms”, Third Edition, EPA-600/4-91/002.

16. Ammonia - Nitrogen

Test Method: Ammonia as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

17. Total Kjeldalh Nitrogen

Test Method: Total Kjeldalh Nitrogen as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

18. Nitrate and Nitrite as Nitrogen

Test Method: Nitrate and Nitrite as Nitrogen as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

19. Biological Oxygen Demand

Test Method: Biological Oxygen Demand as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

20. Chemical Oxygen Demand

Test Method: Chemical Oxygen Demand as described in “Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF.

21. Frictional Analysis

Test Method: Frictional Analysis shall be conducted on products that have been applied at the prescribe application rate to a pavement surface within a sealed and controlled humidity chamber. The frictional coefficient shall be measured on pavement surface as the humidity in the chamber is lowered and raised over the course of time. The data shall show a plot of the humidity curve and a plot of the coefficient of friction curve over time. The device that measures the friction coefficient shall be calibrated and certified prior to use on the sample analysis.

2.7 PRODUCT REJECTION AND PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

Products, which fail to meet the specification limits, will be subject to the following specified price adjustments and/or total rejection as per the purchasers' discretion. The bidder will be required to replace any rejected material plus any material that it contaminated at their cost. Any product that is rejected shall be removed by the bidder and replaced with product that meets the material specifications, including handling and transportation charges at no additional cost to the purchaser. Removal includes the removal of all material contaminated by the non-specification material if any. Purchaser's personnel will establish the amount of material contaminated.

Two shipments per contract year of product found by purchaser to be beyond any acceptable range may result in contract termination.

Determination of a price adjustment to be applied will be based on the PNS testing procedures as outlined in the specifications.

All price adjustments will be based on the prices as quoted by the bidder.

A. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE, CALCIUM CHLORIDE, CALCIUM MAGNESIUM ACETATE CONCENTRATION - CATEGORIES I, II, AND III

Field samples taken of the delivered liquid chemical products will be tested for the appropriate Magnesium Chloride, Calcium Chloride, or Calcium Magnesium Acetate concentration in percent according to Test Method 1. The test results will be compared to the bidder quoted concentration (BQC) of the chemical product. Any element or compound that is not specific to the product being bid will not count towards (BQC). For example, if a sample is submitted under Category I - Magnesium Chloride, credit will be given for Magnesium Chloride content only. No credit shall be given for trace materials such as Calcium Chloride, Sodium Chloride, etc.

This contract is awarded based on the "Final Best Buy" analysis of chemical products for each Category, a price adjustment structure is constructed to insure that the bidder quoted

concentrations (BQC) are maintained. The percent values indicated below are percent concentration of magnesium or calcium chloride, not percentage of the BQC. If the test results are out of specification, the supplier will be subject to a price adjustment based on the purchase price of the respective shipment as follows.

NOTE: In the case of a storm event, the purchaser reserves the right to accept and use any concentration of product delivered and apply price adjustments as defined.

Price Adjustments for noncompliance of material to the Bidder Quoted Concentration (BQC)

Concentration Ranges

BQC less 1.0% but in no case below the minimum concentration limit---- No price adjustment

BQC less 1.1% or greater but in no case below the minimum concentration limit--25%

Price adjustments for chemical products below the minimum concentration are as follows:

Concentration Ranges

24.0% to 24.9% ----- 50%

Less Than 24.0% -----100%

B. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR TOTAL METALS, TOTAL PHOSPHORUS, AND TOTAL CYANIDE.

Materials tested for the total concentration of Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Selenium, Zinc, Phosphorus and Cyanide and found to have exceeded the specification limits are subject to price adjustments. The price adjustments will be taken according to the following table.

<u>Percentage Over the Specified Limit</u>	<u>Price Adjustment</u>
0 to 5.0	None
5.1 to 20.0	15%
20.1 to 40.0	25%
40.1 to 75.0	35%
75.1 to 100.0	50%
Over 100.1	100%

C. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE PERCENT CORROSION EFFECTIVENESS.

Corrosion inhibited products are listed in the PNS Approved Products List with a qualifying corrosion effectiveness percentage. Received materials will be tested against the products

established percent corrosion effectiveness as listed in the PNS Approved Products List for compliance. Products will be grouped in the same table as established in Section VIII, Subsection B where they are assigned valued added points and as follows:

PERCENT CORROSION EFFECTIVENESS RANGES	VALUE ADDED
20.0 to 24.9	0.00
15.0 to 19.9	40.00
10.0 to 14.9	60.00
5.0 to 09.9	100.00
4.9 and less	150.00

Price adjustments will be taken on material that is more corrosive than it was qualified at according to the following table.

Range Deviation	Price Adjustment
1	None
2	50%
3	100% or Rejection

Example: Product A qualified at a corrosion effectiveness of 17.3%. Testing results produce a corrosion effectiveness value of 23.8%. No price adjustment is taken.

Product B qualified at a corrosion effectiveness of 14.5%. Testing results produce a corrosion effectiveness value of 20.5%. A 50% price adjustment is taken.

Price adjustments for products that qualified in the 20.0 to 25.0% corrosion effectiveness range will be taken as follows.

Percent Corrosion Effectiveness	Price Adjustment
25.6% to 30.0%	15%
30.1% to 35.0%	50%
35.1% or greater	100% or Rejection

D. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR TOTAL SETTLEABLE SOLIDS AND PERCENT PASSING THE NO. 10 SIEVE.

Materials tested for the Total Settleable Solids and Percent Solids Passing on a No. 10 sieve and found to have exceeded the specification limits are subject to price adjustments. The price adjustments will be taken according to the following tables.

TOTAL SETTLEABLE SOLIDS

<u>Percent Settleable Solids</u>	<u>Price Adjustment</u>
1.1 to 1.5	None
1.6 to 3.5	25%
3.6 to 5.0	50%
5.1 to 7.5	75%
7.6 and above	100% or Rejection

PERCENT SOLIDS PASSING ON A NO. 10 SIEVE

<u>Percent Passing the No. 10 Sieve</u>	<u>Price Adjustment</u>
98.5 to 98.9	None
98.0 to 98.4	35%
97.5 to 97.9	50%
97.4 and below	100% or Rejection

E. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS FOR CHEMICALS CONTAINING SODIUM CHLORIDE CATEGORIES IV, V, VI, AND VIII.

A price adjustment of 10% will be assessed on materials outside of the acceptable gradation limits as specified in each of the appropriate category specifications.

Permissible Variations of 5% will be allowed for each sieve size as shown in the following tables.

Category 8A and 8B		Category 8C	
Sieve Size	Wt. % Passing	Sieve Size	Wt. % Passing
¾ "	100	#4	100
#4	15 -100	#100	0 – 8
#8	5 – 65		
#30	0 - 20		

A price adjustment will be taken on excessive moisture content as specified in each of the appropriate category specifications.

2.8 QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST

Purchased products that appear on the Qualified Products List may be tested for compliance to the material that was originally submitted for qualification. The agency has the right to conduct this testing at its own will. The most current Qualified Products List can be viewed at the PNS web site location of <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/partners/pns/> or by contacting one of the PNS members.

3.0 BID EVALUATION

A. BID PREFERENCES FOR HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS

(Approved Liquid Chemical Products)

STEP 1: Best buy (FOB delivery destination) based on percentage of active chemical in the product will be determined by the following formula. **Bidder Quoted Concentrations (BQC) and price per ton will be used for calculations.** Delivered Price/Concentration Percentage equals the best buy factor for this step of the process. (The bidders quoted concentration will be used in the calculation.)

Example:

- a. $\$60.00/27\% = 222.22$ best buy factor
- b. $\$65.00/30\% = 216.67$ best buy factor

Example “b” at the higher purchase price per ton, with the higher concentration, and with the lower best buy factor would be selected if this were the final step.

B. BID PREFERENCES FOR SUPERIOR CORROSION INHIBITION

(Approved Liquid and Solid Chemical Products)

STEP 2: Bid preferences based on the corrosion inhibiting ability of a product as demonstrated by the PNS’s laboratories and verified by field applications will be applied from the values as shown in the following table. The values shown in the table under “Value Added” are used to reduce the calculated best buy factor (see above) to arrive at the final calculation/determination of best buy.

<u>PERCENT CORROSION EFFECTIVENESS RANGES</u>	<u>VALUE ADDED</u>
20.0 to 24.9	0.00
15.0 to 19.9	40.00
10.0 to 14.9	60.00
5.0 to 09.9	100.00
4.9 and less	150.00

Example:

As noted above in step 1, based on concentration calculations, product “b” resulted in the lowest best buy factor. When corrosion inhibiting values are considered, the calculations will be as follows. Product “a” has a corrosion value of 12.5%, which equates to 60.00 added value points while product “b” displayed a corrosion value of 22.0%, which results in no added value points. See the following:

- a. $\$60.00/27\% = 222.22 - 60.00 = 162.00$ our final best buy factor.
- b. $\$65.00/30\% = 216.67 - 00.00 = 216.67$ our final best buy factor.

Example “a” with the lower concentration but with higher corrosion inhibiting value would be determined to be the best buy in the final step.

Acceptance of bids will be based on approved PNS laboratory results. Final determination of the liquid chemicals products will be based on the “Final Best Buy Factor” calculated from the combination of the lowest cost per percent concentration of liquid chemical and credit for corrosion inhibiting ability as specified in Steps 1 & 2. Bids will be awarded for the lowest “Final Best Buy Factor” for each category and each District.

4.0 BID SCHEDULE

The following quantities of chemical products are projected from use for the terms of this contract. These quantities are estimates to be used for bidding purposes only. They are not guaranteed deliverable quantities as the winter weather can and does change and quantities may be less or more than what is being represented.

This bid shall be based off products that are on the Qualified Products List of the Pacific Northwest Snowfighter's at the date and time of this bid opening.

The bidder shall bid each location in each District for it to be a valid bid. The bidder shall bid the same product name for all areas within a District. If the bidder wishes to bid a different product, they must complete the bid form a second time for that product.

The bid will be awarded for Categories 1 and 2 to each District based upon the "Final Best Buy Factor" analysis. This analysis shall use the Total Extended Price and Total Quantity per District and the Corrosion Rating for the bid product as represented on the PNS Qualified Product List.

The bid will be awarded for Category 8A-B, 8A-R and 8B to each District based upon the lowest Total Extended Price per District.

All prices are to be bid per ton and based on BULK DELIVERY, FOB point of delivery. If you are "not" entering a bid for a District of the selected category enter a "No Bid" for that line item.

LIQUID CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

The Districts, their Locations, and estimated quantities are contained in the "**Liquid Product Bid List**" for bidding Categories 1 or 2. The liquid product portion of this contract will be bid based upon the following locations within each District. These locations are the sites of delivery. The unit price bid for each Location will be the price of delivery. The "Total Extended Cost" bid for each District along with the Percent Concentration and the Percent Effectiveness for Corrosion as it exist on the PNS Qualified Products List will be used in the analysis for the "Final Best Buy Factor". **The bid will be award all or none based on the lowest "Final Best Buy Factor" of each category per District.** Identify the Category for which you are bidding and provide the product name and the name of your company.

Circle One: Category 1 Category 2

Product Name _____

Bidders Company Name _____

Please refer to the attached Liquid Product Bid List

SOLID CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

The Districts, their Locations, and estimated quantities are contained in the **“Solid Product Bid List”** for bidding Category 8A-B, 8A-R and 8B. The solid product portion of this contract will be bid based upon the following locations within each District. These locations are the sites of delivery. The unit price bid for each Location will be the price of delivery. **The bid will be award all or none based on the lowest “Total Extended Cost” of each category per District.**

In addition to the bulk delivery there will be a line item for the bidder to quote a price for a 50 lb. bag delivery to each of the District Headquarters. The price of the bag delivery will not be used in the award of the contract. The price shall be FOB Point of Delivery.

Identify the Category for which you are bidding and provide the product name and the name of your company.

Circle One: Category 8A-B Category 8A-R Category 8B

Product Name_____

Bidders Name_____

Please refer to the attached Solid Product Bid List

APPENDIX

**TEST METHOD “A” – Concentration Percentage of Active Ingredient In
Liquid Chemical Products**

**TEST METHOD “B” – Corrosion Rate As Conducted From The NACE
Standard TM0169-95 (1995 Revision) As Modified
By The Pacific Northwest States**

**TEST METHOD “C” – Percent Total Settleable Solids And Percent Solids
Passing A No. 10 Sieve**

TEST METHOD A

Concentration Percentage of Active Ingredient In Liquid Chemical Product

I. Test Method

Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry as described in “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water”, APHA-AWWA-WPCF

II. Apparatus

Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer
250, 500 ml Graduated Cylinders
2000 ml Beaker
100, 500, 1000 ml Volumetric Flasks
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 ml Volumetric Pipets (Class A)
100 microliter Eppendorf Pipet

III. Reagents

ASTM D 1193 Type II Distilled Water
1000 ppm Calcium Stock Solution
1000 ppm Magnesium Stock Solution
Concentrated Hydrochloric Acid (HCl)
Concentrated Nitric Acid (HNO₃)
Lanthanum Oxide (La₂O₃)

IV. Preparation of Lanthanum Chloride; Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride Calibration Standards and Blanks; Quality Control Solutions; and Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride Deicer Solutions.

1. Preparation of 10% Lanthanum Chloride Stock Solution

In a 2000 ml beaker add 200 ml of distilled water to 117.28 g of Reagent Grade Lanthanum Oxide. While stirring, **very slowly** add 500 ml of concentrated HCl (25 ml at a time). **CAUTION!** This reaction is extremely violent. Care should be taken so the solution does not overflow the beaker. When the solution has cooled to room temperature, transfer to a 1000 ml volumetric flask and dilute to volume with distilled water. (Lanthanum Chloride is the Ionization Suppressant used in determining Calcium and Magnesium concentrations by Atomic Absorption).

2. Calcium and Magnesium Chloride Calibration Standards

Calcium

A. 100 ppm Calcium Stock Solution for Dilutions

Pipet 10 ml of the 1000 ppm Calcium reagent solution into a 100 ml volumetric flask. Using an Eppendorf pipet add 0.1 ml concentrated HNO₃ acid and dilute to volume with distilled water.

B. Calcium Standards for Calibration (20, 25, 30 ppm)

Pipet aliquot's of 20, 25, and 30 ml of the above 100 ppm Calcium stock solution into three different 100 ml volumetric flasks. Add 5 ml of the 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution to each flask before diluting to volume with distilled water. The standard solutions should be prepared daily.

Magnesium

A. 100 ppm Magnesium Stock Solution for Dilutions

Pipet 10 ml of the 1000 ppm Magnesium reagent solution into a 100 ml volumetric flask. Using an Eppendorf pipet add 0.1 ml concentrated HNO₃ acid and dilute to volume with distilled water.

B. Magnesium Standards for Calibration (10, 15, 20 ppm)

Pipet aliquot's of 10, 15, and 20 ml of the above 100 ppm Magnesium solution into three separate 100 ml volumetric flasks. Add 5 ml of the 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution to each flask before diluting to volume with distilled water. The standard solutions should be prepared daily.

3. Blank Solution

- A. Blank Solution for Calibration Pipette 5 ml of 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution into a 100 ml volumetric flask and dilute to volume with distilled water. The blank solution should be prepared daily.

4. Quality Control Solutions

- A. Calcium Quality Control Check Weigh 0.6762 g pre-dried CaCO₃ and place into a 1000ml Volumetric flask. Add 1 ml of concentrated HNO₃ and dilute to volume with distilled water. From this solution, pipette 10 ml into a 100 ml volumetric flask, add 5 ml of the 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution and bring to volume with distilled water. This will be the working Quality Control Standard and have a value of **27.10 ppm Calcium**. (Note: The 27.10 ppm Calcium concentration is equal to a 30% brine concentration of Calcium Chloride based on a 2.5 gram sample size.)
- B. Magnesium Chloride Quality Control Check Weigh 1.5056g (nondried) MgCl₂·6H₂O and place into 1000 ml volumetric flask. Add 1 ml of concentrated HNO₃ and dilute to volume with distilled water. From this solution, pipette 10 ml into a 100 ml volumetric flask, add 5 ml of the 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution and bring to volume with distilled water. This will be the working Quality Control Standard and have a value of **18.00 ppm Magnesium**. Note: (Note: The 18.00 ppm Magnesium concentration is equal to a 28.2% brine concentration of Magnesium Chloride based on a 2.5 gram sample size.)

V. Preparation of Liquid Chemical Products Sample Solution

Solution A

1. Weigh approximately 2.500 grams of the liquid chemical product into a tared 500 ml volumetric flask. Record the sample weight to the nearest mg for final calculations. Add 1 ml HNO₃. Rinse the neck of the volumetric flask with a slight amount of distilled water and allow the sample to digest for one hour. Dilute to volume with distilled water. Label as solution A.

Solution B (Working Chemical Product Solution)

2. Pipette 5 ml of Solution A into a 100 ml volumetric flask. Add 5 ml of 10% Lanthanum Chloride solution and dilute to volume with distilled water. Label as solution B (Dilution factor of 20).
3. Repeat Step 2 so that each chemical product sample has a duplicate working solution.

VI. Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer Operation

Calcium

1. Set up the spectrophotometer (absorption) with the Calcium lamp using a wavelength setting of 422.4 nm, and a slit width of 0.2 nm. An Air-Acetylene flame should be used with the 10 cm burner head set at a 45° angle. The flame, burner, and instrument are to be optimized for best detection.
2. Calibrate the instrument using the blank, 20 ppm, 25 ppm, and 30 ppm standards for Calcium.
3. Run the Calcium Quality Control solution. This result must be within plus or minus 0.20 ppm of the known 27.10 ppm concentration before proceeding.
4. Once the Quality Control solution is within allowable limits, run the chemical product samples and their duplicates and record the results.
5. Run the Calcium Quality Control solution again to assure accurate results.
6. Following the analysis calculate the percent concentration of the sample and the duplicate sample for each chemical product using the following formulas. These test results must be repeatable within plus or minus 0.3% concentration of each other to be acceptable for reporting. If the results are outside this allowable limit, perform the dilutions over and retest until the samples are repeatable within the 0.3% limit.

Magnesium

1. Set up the spectrophotometer (absorption) with the Magnesium lamp using a wavelength setting of 285.4 nm, and a slit width of 0.2 nm. An Air Acetylene flame should be used with the 10 cm burner head set at a 45° The flame, burner, and instrument are to be optimized for best detection.
2. Calibrate the instrument using the blank, 10 ppm, 15 ppm, and 20 ppm standards for Magnesium.
3. Run the Magnesium Quality Control solution. This result must be within plus or minus 0.15 ppm of the known 18.00 ppm concentration before proceeding.
4. Once the Quality Control solution is within allowable limits, run the chemical product samples and their duplicates and record the results.
5. Run the Magnesium Quality Control solution again to assure accurate results.

6. Following the analysis calculate the percent concentration of the sample and the duplicate sample for each chemical product using the following formulas. These test results must be repeatable within plus or minus 0.3% concentration of each other to be acceptable for reporting. If the results are outside this allowable limit, perform the dilutions over and retest until the samples are repeatable within the 0.3% limit.

VII. Calculations

Calculations for CaCl₂ base on a sample weighing 2.550 grams :

$$\text{Factor} = \frac{(110.99 \text{ CaCl}_2)(1\%)(\text{Dilution factor})(\text{Initial vol.})}{(40.08 \text{ Ca}) (10,000 \text{ ppm})} = 2.7692$$

$$\% \text{ CaCl}_2 = \frac{(\text{X ppm from AA})(\text{Factor})}{\text{grams of sample}}$$

$$\text{Example: } \frac{(28.20 \text{ PPM})(2.7692)}{2.5500 \text{ g chemical product}} = 30.6\% \text{ CaCl}_2$$

Calculations for MgCl₂ base on a sample weighing 2.550 grams:

$$\text{Factor} = \frac{(95.211 \text{ MgCl}_2)(1\%)(\text{Dilution factor})(\text{Initial vol.})}{(24.305 \text{ Mg}) (10,000 \text{ ppm})} = 3.9173$$

$$\% \text{ MgCl}_2 = \frac{(\text{X ppm from AA})(\text{Factor})}{\text{grams of sample}}$$

$$\text{Example: } \frac{(18.87 \text{ ppm})(3.9173)}{2.5500 \text{ g chemical product}} = 29.0\% \text{ MgCl}_2$$

TEST METHOD B

Corrosion Rate As Conducted From The NACE Standard TM0169-95 (1995 Revision) And As Modified By The Pacific Northwest States

Products that are submitted to meet the Corrosion Rate Test and to have a Percent Effectiveness determined shall be tested according to the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Standard TM0169-95 as modified by the PNS. **The PNS has modified this procedure so that the test procedure uses 30 ml of a 3% chemical product solution as received per square inch of coupon surface area for the corrosion test.** Corrosion inhibited chemical product must prove to have a Percent Effectiveness value of at least 70% less than Sodium Chloride (salt) to be acceptable.

I. PREPARATION OF THE COUPONS

The coupons used are 1/2" (approximately 1.38 in. x 0.56 in. x 0.11 in.) flat steel washers displaying a density of approximately 7.85 grams per cubic centimeter. (Note: No galvanized coupons are allowed to be used even after removing the zinc with acid. Hot dipped galvanization creates a Fe-Zn metallurgical surface bond that changes the characteristics of the steel. Coupons must meet ASTM F 436, Type 1, with a Rockwell Hardness of C 38-45. Each coupon used in the test procedure is subjected to the following process to assure accuracy in test results.

- Wipe with suitable solvent to remove grease and oil.
- Examine each coupon for metallurgical abnormalities and reject those that are suspect to flaws.
- All coupons are tested for Rockwell Hardness of C 38-45; coupons having hardness outside of this range are rejected.
- Acceptable coupons are stamped for identification.
- Coupons are acid etched with 1 + 1 HCl for approximately 2 -3 minutes.
- The coupons are then quickly rinsed with tap water, distilled water, wiped dried and placed in chloroform.
- When the coupons are removed from the chloroform for use, they are placed on a paper-lined tray (not touching each other) and allowed to air dry in a ventilated hood for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Coupons are measured as specified. (Note: If latex gloves are not worn during measuring, the coupons should be rinsed again and dried as prescribe above prior to weighing. This will remove any oils that may be transferred to the coupons.)
- Each coupon shall be weighed to a constant weight. The constant weight shall be two consecutive weighings of each coupon within a minimum of 0.5 milligrams of each other. Removal of incidental flash rusting prior to weighing is not necessary.

Three coupons are used in each chemical product solution and for the distilled water and Sodium Chloride control standards.

II. MEASURING OF THE COUPONS

The outside diameter, inside diameter, and the thickness of each coupon is measured twice at 90 degrees from each initial reading and the averages calculated for each measurement. The averages are then used

to calculate the surface area of each coupon with the following formula:

$$A = (3.1416/2)(D^2 - d^2) + 3.1416(t)(D) + 3.1416(t)(d)$$

Where D = average outside diameter
 d = average inside diameter
 t = average thickness

Example:

$$A = (1.5708)(1.9044 - 0.3136) + 0.4768949 + 0.1935226$$

$$A = (1.5708)(1.5908) + 0.4768949 + 0.1935226$$

$$A = 2.4988286 + 0.4768949 + 0.1935226$$

$$A = 3.1692461 \text{ square inches (Total surface area of the coupon.)}$$

$$A = 3.17 \text{ square inches}$$

III. PREPARATION OF THE SOLUTIONS

ASTM D 1193 Type II distilled water is used to prepare each solution, blank, and control standard. The Sodium Chloride (NaCl) used to prepare the salt standard shall be of "ANALYZED REAGENT GRADE" quality.

A 3% solution of NaCl is prepared by weight, using the reagent grade salt and distilled water (W/V).

A 3% solution of each chemical product to be tested is prepared using distilled water to dissolve and or dilute the chemical product. For liquid chemical products, three parts liquid chemical product (as received) is mixed with 97 parts distilled water to produce the test solution (V/V). If the chemical product is a dry product, then the 3% solution is made by weight (W/V).

All solutions including the distilled water blank are covered and allowed to sit a minimum of 12 hours to stabilize and reach equilibrium, ensure solubility and to account for any reactivity that may occur.

IV. THE CORROSION TEST

Approximately 300 milliliters (actual volume is determined by the surface area of test coupons) of each solution as mixed with distilled water and is put into a 500 milliliter Erlenmeyer flask. Each flask is equipped with a rubber stopper that has been drilled to allow a line to run through it. The hole in the rubber stopper is 3-4 millimeters in diameter. One end of the line is attached to a rotating bar and the other end of the line is attached to a plastic frame made to hold coupons inside the flask where three coupons are attached to each plastic frame. The rotating bar is controlled by an electric timer that lowers the bar for 10 minutes then raises the bar for 50 minutes out of the solution but still keeps the coupons inside of the flask for the entire duration of the test. This allows the coupons to be exposed to the test solution 10 minutes of each hour. The corrosion test is then run for 72 hours. No agitation of the solution is made during the corrosion test.

Corrosion tests are conducted at 21-23 degrees Centigrade. The room temperature is to be recorded daily during the operation of the test. The room temperature shall be taken with a calibrated thermometer located next to the corrosion-testing instrument. The temperature readings will be used to help determine varying corrosion rates, at this time temperature readings will not be used to correct data.

V. CLEANING OF THE COUPONS

The coupons are removed from the solution after 72 hours. The coupons are pre-washed under running tap water to remove any loosely adherent corrosion products. They are then placed into glass beakers containing the cleaning acid, concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCL) containing 50 grams/liter SnCl_2 (stannous chloride) and 20 grams/liter SbCl_3 (antimony trichloride). The two salts are added to the HCL to stop the reaction of the HCL with the steel once the rust or corrosion is removed. (Note: The fumes given off by the acid during cleaning contain gases formed from the antimony and are extremely hazardous, this portion of the cleaning must be conducted under a ventilated hood.)

After 15 minutes of cleaning the coupons are removed from the cleaning acid, rinsed with tap water and then distilled water, and wiped with a cloth to clean any deposit from the coupons. They are then returned to the cleaning acid and the procedure is repeated. After cleaning the coupons are rinsed in chloroform, air dried, and weighed.

Each coupon shall be weighed to a constant weight. The constant weight shall be two consecutive weighings of each coupon within a minimum of 0.5 milligrams of each other.

VI. EVALUATION OF CORROSION

The weight loss of each coupon is determined by subtracting the final weight from the original weight. The corrosion rate for each coupon is expressed as mils penetration per year (MPY) by the following formula:

$$\text{MPY} = (\text{weight loss (milligrams)}) (534) / ((\text{area}) (\text{time}) (\text{metal density}))$$

OR

$$\text{MPY} = (\text{weight loss (milligrams)}) (534) \text{ divided by } ((\text{area}) (\text{time}) (\text{metal density})^*)$$

(Density is 7.85 g/cc for steel*)

The final MPY value for each solution is determined by calculating an average of the three individual coupons. Average MPY from this point forward will be referred to as only MPY of the solution being tested. (Note: Wide variation of MPY of individual coupons inside the same flask typically indicates contamination of a coupon. If variation of individual MPY is too great to determine consistent data the test should be run over again. Typically, coupon variation may run plus or minus 3 MPY.

VII. EXPLANATION

To put the information into perspective it is necessary to briefly recap the corrosion test process. The corrosion value of the distilled water and the reagent grade sodium chloride is critical to this whole process. These are the two base lines used to determine products acceptability in terms of corrosion value only.

In the table following the distilled water proved to have a corrosion value of 6.00 MPY. The chart shows that the reagent grade sodium chloride has a corrected corrosion value of 45.00 MPY. This means that the original corrosion value of the reagent grade sodium chloride and the distilled water (in a 3% solution) was 51.00 MPY. That is, 6.00 MPY for the distilled water and 45.00 MPY for the reagent grade sodium chloride. The 6.00 MPY value for the distilled water was subtracted from the original 51.00 MPY for the reagent grade sodium chloride and distilled water solution to arrive at the distilled water corrected value of 45.00 MPY for the reagent grade sodium chloride.

The corrosion value of 6.00 MPY for the distilled water is subtracted from the total MPY for each of the 3% solutions for each product tested. When this calculation is completed for each product being tested the resulting value indicates the corrected corrosion value.

According to criteria adopted by PNS; “Only corrosion inhibited chemical products that are at least 70% less corrosive than reagent grade sodium chloride may be used”. To determine if a product is acceptable, take the corrected corrosion value of the reagent grade sodium chloride and multiply it by 30%. In this case, 45.00 MPY multiplied by 30% equals 13.5 MPY which is the highest acceptable corrected corrosion value for any product in this test. Any product in this test, that produces a MPY value higher than 13.5 MPY is rejected.

VIII. NEGATIVE NUMBERS

Some products actually end up with a negative number as their corrected MPY value. A negative number is exceptionally good and it actually indicates that the product when mixed with distilled water in a 3% solution is less corrosive than distilled water.

To show an example of a negative number note that in Table 1 the distilled water in this test had a corrosion factor of 6.00 MPY. Also, note that the 3% solution of Wondermelt-A had a corrected corrosion value of -5.18 MPY. To quickly repeat the math used to arrive at this negative number the 3% solution corrosion value of 1.18 MPY, had subtract from it the distilled water corrosion value of 6.00 MPY. This resulted in the corrected MPY value of -5.18. The larger the negative number, the better a product is in terms of corrosion inhibiting abilities.

IX. REPORTING RESULTS

Results shall be reported in Percent Effectiveness. Percent values equal to or less than 30% are passing. The distilled water corrected values of the chemical product and the salt are used to make this calculation. The corrected value of the chemical product is divided by the corrected value of the salt; this value is then multiplied by 100 to give percent.

Example: Magic Melter II has a corrected value of 10.15
 Salt has a corrected value of 45.00

Therefore: $(10.15 / 45.00) \times 100 = 22.6\%$ Pass

Acme Melter has a corrected value of 19.99
Therefore: $(19.99 / 45.00) \times 100 = 44.4\%$ Fail

TABLE 1
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS CORROSION TEST RESULTS
ALL VALUES ARE DISTILLED WATER CORRECTED

PRODUCT	MILS/YEAR	PERCENTAGE	REMARKS
*Super Stuff	-0.03	-0.07	Good stuff.
*Ice Melter	0.035	0.08	Good
*Magic Melter	1.00	2.22	Smells good
*Magic Melter II	10.15	22.55	OK
Acme Melter	19.99	44.42	Nice appearance
Acme Melter-1	23.71	52.69	50% @#*&^
Wondermelt	54.07	120.16	Very corrosive
*Wondermelt -A	-5.18	-11.51	Good corrosion protection
Stuff	17.00	37.78	not so good
SALT	45.00	100.00	
Distilled Water	6.00	13.33	

* ACCEPTABLE PRODUCT

NOTE: The results used in the above table are for example only, and they are not firm numbers. The MPY corrosion values of the distilled water and the reagent grade sodium chloride may vary from test to test.

TEST METHOD C

Percent Total Settleable Solids and Percent Solids Passing on a No. 10 Sieve

This test method is used to determine the amount of total settleable solids and the percent solids passing on the No. 10 sieve that are generated from a liquid chemical product when stored at a specified cold temperature without agitation.

Settleable Solids for this procedure are typically formed from chemical precipitation, chemical crystallization, or by the dense settlement of any other components of the deicing product.

Chemical precipitates are formed when specific chemical constituents within the liquid chemical product react together chemically.

Chemical crystallization begins to form when a solution is cooled below its chemical saturation point. Crystallization is the physical characteristic by which a liquid begins to turn to a solid. This physical characteristic is typically used to identify the freezing point of a liquid. This test will determine if the deicing solution can maintain its liquid state at the supplied concentration and at the specified testing temperature with no agitation.

The settlement or separation of additional component(s) (i.e. inhibitors) of the product will be examined for the formation of a dense solid layer and the ability of the chemical product to maintain a non-stratified suspension without agitation.

Total settleable solids will consist of all described parameters excluding soft settling stratification as outlined in the test methodology.

Percent Solids Passing on the No. 10 Sieve will be measured by subtracting the volume of solids retained on the sieve from the total sample volume.

I. Apparatus

1-Liter Plastic Graduated Imhoff Cone with bottom plug
ASTM E 11 No. 10 sieve
Rubber policeman
Graduated cylinder
Watch glass
Freezer

II. Test Method

Place 1000 ml of a well-mixed (non-diluted) liquid chemical product into a graduated one-Liter Imhoff cone. Place this sample into a freezer, which has been precalibrated and stabilized to the correct specified temperature as established in each liquid chemical product category. Cover the sample with a watch glass. The sample shall remain in the freezer unagitated for a period of 168 hours. Record the

temperature of the freezer daily to assure proper testing temperature. After 168 hours the sample is carefully removed from the freezer for testing.

1. Total Settleable Solids

This test method will be used to determine if the liquid chemical product is usable and if it requires agitation. It will determine the detrimental amount of settlement formed from chemical precipitation, chemical crystallization, or by the dense settlement of any other component(s) of the deicing product.

The formation of chemical precipitation and/or chemical crystallization above the prescribed limit is cause for rejection. These characteristics are observed by a dense formation of precipitate and/or crystals in the cone. Various levels of crystallization may be present if the chemical product concentration is at or near its freezing point.

The settlement of other chemical product components that can produce a dense solid layer above the prescribed limit will be cause for rejection. Stratification of material exhibited by phase separation or exhibiting a soft settlement is not to be interpreted as a dense solid layer. This type of separation is a result of the chemical product not staying homogenous through the test conditions. Samples submitted that exhibit stratification but pass all other specifications will be passed and will be categorized as "Requires Agitation".

The time used to evaluate each sample should be kept to a minimum because as the deicing solutions warm the physical characteristics within the solution change

Remove the sample contained in the Imhoff cone from the freezer. Determine readings as soon as possible because sample temperature begins to rise immediately after being removed. Measure and record the volume of settleable solids using the calibrated gradations on the cone. (Note: If the settled matter contains pockets of liquid between large settled particles, estimate the volume of these and subtract them from the volume of settled solids.)

For transparent liquids the determinations are easily determined by directly reading the volume of the settleable solids in the bottom of the cone.

For liquids that are not transparent due to the addition of organic matter type inhibitors, the following method shall be used.

Determine and record the interface layer volumes of the inhibitor and the concentrated amount of material in the bottom of the cone.

Determine if the settlement in the bottom portion of the cone is a dense formation or soft settling due to a phase separation. This is done by using an eight-millimeter diameter solid glass rod of sufficient length to reach the bottom of the cone. The rod diameter should allow the rod to be inserted to the bottom of the cone and large enough to be able to determine the slightest resistance. Gently insert the rod into the cone containing the product and gradually lower the rod to the bottom of the cone. If resistance is such that the rod does not reach the bottom of the cone, mark the rod level at the top of the cone and remove it. Place the rod on the outside of the cone with the mark even with the top of the cone. Read

and record the volume gradation from the cone that corresponds to the tip of the rod. This will represent the volume inside the cone where resistance was encountered in the product. This volume reading is to be interpreted as a dense settlement and must not exceed the specification limit. If the rod goes completely to the bottom of the cone with no resistance record that no dense settlement was found.

If stratification is present, gently hand stir the chemical product in a clockwise direction for 45 revolutions in one minute to see if the sample will re-homogenize. Examine the chemical product again, with the light if necessary, to determine phase stratification interface levels remaining, if any. Record new levels if present. If no levels are detectable and the solution is returned to a homogenous state exhibiting no stratified layers the chemical product will be marked "Requires Agitation". If levels of stratification are still present, mark as "Requires Extreme Agitation."

The total settleable solids volume shall consist of the accumulated amounts of chemical precipitation, chemical crystallization, and the dense portion of any other constituents. The total settleable solids are reported in percent based upon the volume to volume (V/V) ratio of the settleable solids to the initial sample size.

2. Percent Solids Passing the 10 Sieve

This procedure must be conducted as fast as possible after determining the total settleable solids so that any frozen chemical crystalline materials are adequately evaluated.

Immediately after determining the total settleable solids remove the tip on cone and pour the sample through an ASTM E 11 certified Number 10 sieve. The sieve should be kept in a mixture of ice and water to keep it cold before using and between samples. Rinse the sieve with water to remove any traces of the previous sample prior to placing in the ice bath. Before using the sieve briefly shake excess water from the sieve. The sample should be poured through one-quarter section of the sieve if possible to reduce the surface area from which the sample must be retrieved. The sample on the sieve is not rinsed or pushed through the sieve by any means. All material not flowing through the sieve is rubber policed from the sieve into a graduated cylinder and the volume measured and recorded. Rubber police only the side of the sieve the material was place on to pass through. Material that is trapped in the mesh of the sieve and does not come loose on the face of the sieve is considered passing and is not included. This volume is subtracted from the total volume of the sample to calculate the sample volume passing. The solids passing the No. 10 sieve are reported in percent based upon the volume to volume (V/V) ratio of sample volume passing to the initial sample size.

BIDDER CHECKLIST

In addition to the signature page, the following must be included with your bid:

- 4.0 Bid Schedule
- Bid Schedule: Solid Product Locations and Quantities
- Bid Schedule: Liquid Product Locations and Quantities
- The most recent detailed product specification sheet and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) including the MSDS of the inhibitor. **All documents must be clearly legible.**